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MEMORANDUM FOR: NITs Working Group

FROM: [REDACTED]

Intelligence Producers Council Staff

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SUBJECT: Review of Future Intelligence Requirements

1. Now that the FY 89 NITs, representing US policymakers' near-term intelligence needs, is near publication, I have been asked to work with you to review future intelligence requirements as documented in the Compendium of Future Intelligence Requirements (COFIR) (see Tab A). The first annual review of the COFIR, initially published in 1987, is underway and a more direct role by the policymaking community with respect to the portion representing consumers' future intelligence needs is important to the credibility and effectiveness of the document. [REDACTED]

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2. Requirements in the COFIR are arranged in a sequence from general (policymakers' questions) to the specific (intelligence producers' questions) that are subsets of the policymakers' general questions. The general questions, representing the policymakers' future information needs are called National Security Questions or NSQs, and the specific/detailed intelligence producers' questions are called Detailed Intelligence Problems or DIPs, which the analysts needs answered in order to respond to the policymaker's NSQ. There were 58 NSQs and over 2,600 DIPs in the COFIR. The COFIR Working Group during its current review has added four NSQs for a new total of 62 NSQs (see Tab B). Representative DIPs are included for your information at Tab C.

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3. Please review the NSQs at Tab B and confirm them as representing policymakers' requirements for intelligence information for five, 10, and 15 years into the future. Your comments and suggestions will be welcome at a coordination meeting to be held on 29 September at 1000 in Room 1S06, [REDACTED]

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4. If you have any further questions, please contact me on

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Please notify of your attendance plans on any of the above telephone numbers.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Chairman, NITs Working Group

THROUGH: [REDACTED]
Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff

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FROM: [REDACTED]
Chairman, Future Information Requirements
Working Group

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1. A prime responsibility of the Intelligence Producers Council (IPC) is to define and develop the producers/consumers future information needs in order to contribute to the long term guidance from the DCI to Intelligence Community planners and managers. The IPC created the Future Information Requirements Working Group (now the COFIR Working Group) to assist them in fulfilling this responsibility. The working group, under the guidance of and through the IPC, produces the Compendium of Future Intelligence Requirements (COFIR). The COFIR contains statements of requirements for intelligence information for five, 10, and 15 years into the future. [REDACTED]

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2. These statements serve as the baseline requirements for the planning of future collection, processing, analysis, and dissemination systems. This type of planning for all collection disciplines is based on a single set of requirements which ensures consistency, effects efficiencies, and permits the examination of trade-offs among potential future resources. [REDACTED]

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3. The COFIR was first published in September 1987. The upper level requirements in the COFIR, the National Security Questions (NSQs), along with their peacetime priorities, have been reviewed and approved by the members of the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB). The NFIB is scheduled to review the NSQs on an annual basis to update them as appropriate. In addition, the IPC will conduct a yearly review of the Detailed Intelligence Problems (DIPs) and a zero-base review of the COFIR every five years. [REDACTED]

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4. The Future Information Requirements Working Group has started the process for the annual review. The NSQs and representative DIPs have been reviewed and revised, as appropriate, by the Intelligence Agencies. However, prior to IPC and NFIB review and approval, the Working Group would like to have the NSQs reviewed by consumers. [REDACTED]

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5. The COFIR Working Group request the support of the NITs Working Group, as representatives of the consumer community, in reviewing these long-term producer/consumer information needs. Attached is a copy of the COFIR NSQs with representative DIPs. The DIPs reflect the information needs to answer the NSQs. [REDACTED]

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6. I will be glad to sponsor a coordination meeting in September 1988 at [REDACTED] If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me on [REDACTED]

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